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## IT'S CROYDON'S CUP 'BERGERS GET BRONZE



### CROYDON CITY 1988 STATE LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

*CROYDON CITY* players and officials are in jovial mood after wresting the Pacific Timber State League Cup from Green Gully in Sunday's final.

Green Gully won the Cup, the finale of the State League top four competition, last year.

Croydon reached the final by beating St Albans in the semi-final the previous Wednesday, whilst Green Gully earned a final berth by beating champion Heidelberg.

In the losers' final on Sunday, Heidelberg was too strong for St. Albans winning 2-1, with both goals being scored by ex-St. Albans striker, Dennis Morovic.

The Cup win climaxed a great end of season run by Croydon City as it stormed into the top four, picking up ten points from its last six games. All the State League details and pictures are on pages 6, 7, 8, 9.

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# SNIPPETS

By LES SHORROCK

**THE five-year old partnership between Socceroo coach Frank Arok and his assistant Eddie Thomson ended this week when Thomson announced he was quitting the national scene.**

There had been some speculation that he might stay on with Arok — always providing that Arok gets re-appointed, which seems certain — until Australia's World Cup bid ends.

But Thomson wants to further his career in insurance, and will continue his coaching to his club, Sydney Olympic.

Obviously he has become disenchanted with forever playing second fiddle to the National coach... Arok gets all the plaudits, but it is Thomson who does the donkey work of supervising training and it is Thomson with whom the players have the better rapport.

Significantly, though, Thomson left the door ajar when he added that if applications were called for in the unlikely event of Arok not being re-appointed as National coach, he would consider applying.

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As Jack Reilly spelt out in colleague Bob Brian's column last week, there will be no going back... no reprieve.

Of course it's self interest and nothing else that has prompted this attempted protest meeting.

It's noticeable that on prominent soccer identity who was screaming blue murder when his club was on the bottom has now relapsed into silence as his club has climbed to safety.

As we have said many times already, the clubs had their opportunity to stop this rationalisation going through, constitutionally, but they didn't do anything about it and now it is too late.

They'll find the VSF under Jack Reilly a much tougher prospect too.

Some misguided club officials still hold the view that threatening the VSF with legal action will cause it to cave-in.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

For one thing clubs are barred by FIFA from taking legal action against their national federation, and if they did con-

template anything so foolish they would

probably be expelled. Grin and bear it, fellows.

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**WORLD INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
The above event is to be held at the Melbourne Sports & Entertainment Centre, from October 22 to October 30, 1988.

The event will incorporate 8 nights of indoor soccer competition, with 16 international teams competing: Spain, Italy, Uruguay, Paraguay, Hungary, Mexico, Canada, Great Britain, Argentina, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Japan, the USA — and Australia.

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The odd couple to split up. Frank Arok (left) and Eddie Thomson.

## A RED LETTER DAY FOR BENDIGO

By BOB BRIAN  
of the Melbourne Herald



**IN 11 days time, the country town of Bendigo will host its biggest sporting occasion to date — the Winfield Trans Tasman Cup clash between Australia and New Zealand.**

Already there is an air of excitement described by Bendigo Amateur League board member Terry Gormley "simmering quietly away".

With 1000 juniors and 24 teams in the local competition, which also includes Kyneton, Deniliquin, Swan Hill and Echuca, there is no shortage of soccer supporters.

With a local population of 62,000, Gormley believes the soccer international will attract in the region of 15,000 people to the Queen Elizabeth Oval, which holds around 20,000.

That's a near capacity crowd, which is considerably more than could be expected had the game been scheduled for Olympic Park in Melbourne. Our local soccer fans have become rather blasé about these games.

Bendigo is predominantly Anglo Saxon with a smattering of Greeks and Italians and a surprisingly large number of Chinese.

"We certainly have the population to provide the teams with some real soccer atmosphere," said Gormley. "There has been a great deal of interest in the town and the local media, radio, television and press have done their best to provide plenty of publicity."

"It should be our biggest ever sporting occasion and being on a Sunday it is bound to attract a good attendance."

Bendigo, which is 150 kilometres from Melbourne, has also played host to cricket international involving the New Zealanders and Sri Lankans.

"They didn't exactly capture the public imagination mainly because the games were played mid-week. This is very different."

Both teams will get some real country

hospitality, too. Special receptions have been arranged for the Friday before the game and the Sunday night.

It could turn out to be a great idea by the Australian Soccer Federation, taking this game to the country. But to make it a real success, it must assure the involvement of our big names.

There is every chance that coach Frank Arok will choose a youth team to give the regulars a rest after their exertions in Seoul.

That could defeat the purpose, which is to promote soccer away from the big cities.

Bendigo has great potential according to the locals. There is a very keen soccer fraternity in Victoria's third largest provincial city.

Certainly a great deal of interest will be showing in the counting of heads on the day.

## Promotion for Geelong Div. 2 next season

By PAUL MILLAR  
of the Geelong Advertiser



• Darren Tuck

**STATE league sharpshooter Darren Tuck, 27, yesterday tipped he could be returning to Stead Park next season following Geelong's promotion to division two.**

The flame-haired striker has been burning for struggling Western Suburbs this year and is among the league's top scorers.

With Suburbs relegated to division one and pressing work and family commitments to be taken into consideration, he said he would be looking at a return to Geelong.

"Let's face it, it's the only side in the region that's going anywhere, they will be signing players, and they already have some good lads anyway," he said.

Tuck conceded

Geelong needed more quality players if it had any ambitions of playing in the State League.

"But the way things are at the moment, Geelong will not have to look too far as players now want to come to Stead Park."

After notching 13 goals in the State League this season, the Melbourne media made noises that he could make the grade in the National League next year.

But he said he had not received any offers and would be worried about the time and commitment needed to play in

Australia's premier league.

The New Zealander left Geelong for Suburbs four seasons ago and this year he has been at his lethal best.

Although Tuck has previously hinted about returning to Geelong, this

time he appears more positive.

When the club approached him in the past it was battling for survival.

Since then Geelong has done its homework, recruited wisely and as coach "Shuggie" McFarlane said:

"We have proven we are the best side in Geelong."

With Tuck in the line-up, he could be right.

Tuck will be hoping to improve on his third place in the Bill Fleming medal, when the all important Rothmans medal count takes place tomorrow.

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# THE ROTHMANS MEDAL FIELD

## CAN DUZEL DO THE DOUBLE?

AS the VSF officials, coaches, players and referees assemble at the Southern Cross Hotel tomorrow night (Friday), the question that must be uppermost in everyone's mind must be, can Ivan Duzel do the double by adding the prestigious Rothmans Medal to the Bill Fleming award he took last Friday night?

That feat has been accomplished only seven times, by six players, John Gardiner in '72, Jim Tansey in '76, Tommy Cumming in '78 and '79, Charlie Egan in '81, Ally Dick in '86, and Paul Harris in '87.

Duzel doesn't have to fear Paul Harris this year, as Harris is ineligible after being sent off.

His main rival would seem to be Box Hill's Alan Roodhouse, winner of "Soccer Star's" best State League award, which is voted for by coaches.

Roodhouse has had a marvellous year and must have caught the referees' eye, playing as he does in a poor team in a prominent position.

Others who look a threat are Bulleen's Zravko Lujic who played a prominent part in saving his club from the drop, Emil Bruns of Morwell Falcons, who always polls well, Mick Valentine captain of State League champion Heidelberg, and a dark horse in Steven Douglas of Green Gully.

**BOX HILL**  
A. Roodhouse  
S. Brimmer  
B. Burton

**BULLEEN**  
Z. Lujic  
A. Cunliffe  
A. Bozidak

**CAULFIELD CITY**  
P. Abraam  
P. Griffin  
N. Deligiannis

**CROYDON CITY**  
N. Van Egmond  
D. Macintosh  
M. Brown

**FAWKNER**  
R. Cullen  
R. Walsh  
D. Hennessy

**GREEN GULLY**  
C. Quigley  
S. Douglas  
J. O'Donnell

**HEIDELBERG UNITED**  
A. Patiniotis  
J. Kanesoulis  
M. Valentine

**MARIBYRNONG POLONIA**  
B. Lakic  
B. Bonk  
S. Chetcuti

**MORWELL FALCONS**  
K. Drakeford  
E. Bruns  
G. Clarke

**NORTHCOTE CITY**  
M. Woodall  
M. Turndia  
J. Constantinou

**OAKLEIGH**  
A. Livingstone  
S. Kardamitis  
J. Ross

**RINGWOOD CITY**  
J. Corvan  
R. Janssen  
J. Nyholt

**SPRINGVALE CITY**  
D. Bryden  
S. Keenan  
P. White

**ST ALBANS**  
I. Duzel  
V. Kupresak  
M. Grgic

**THOMASTOWN**  
R. Athersych  
A. Higgins  
J. Mihailidis

**WESTERN SUBURBS**  
T. Daly  
A. Pender  
D. Tuck



● Nick van Egmond



● Zravko Lujic



● Alan Roodhouse



● Jimmy Ross



● Roy Walsh



● Mick Valentine



● Emil Bruns



● Steven Douglas

As Heidelberg-Alexander prepares for the first leg of its NSL promotion play-off against Brisbane City on Sunday week, goalkeeper Yakka Banovic and Jim Tansey can boost their confidence by looking back to 1979.

Banovic was in goal and Tansey — now Heidelberg's coach — played left back in the NSL top four series against Brisbane City, Marconi and Sydney City Hakoah.

Brisbane City reached the final, only to be beaten

by Hakoah but on the way it was hammered by Alexander 6-2. Gary Cole scored three that day, and Andy Bozidak two and Branko Buljevic one, while Barry Kelso and Bobby Campbell scored for the Queenslanders.



● Willie Raynes "tricky and fast winger"

## JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE RESULTS OF ROUND 5

FAIRFIELD CITY DYNAMOS 5 & WHITE EAGLES 2  
BELCONNEN UNITED 7 & SYDNEY TORNADOES 5  
BRISBANE BOMBERS 7 & PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 5  
MELBOURNE BUFFALOS 6 & WOLLONGONG WARRIORS 5

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Melbourne Buffalos	5	4	1	28	22	8	
Parramatta							
Spartans	5	3	1	1	26	14	7
Well Warriors	5	3	1	1	25	17	7
White Eagles	5	3	2	29	25	6	
Fairfield City Dyn.	6	3	3	29	33	6	
Sydney Tornadoes	5	2	3	23	17	4	
Brisbane Bombers	6	2	4	24	33	4	
Belconnen United	6	2	4	22	35	4	
Canberra City R.	5	1	4	25	32	2	

## THIS WEEK'S GAMES — 8TH OCTOBER AND LIKELY WINNERS (CAPS.)

**SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER**  
FAIRFIELD CITY DYNAMOS v WOLLONGONG WARRIORS (Fairfield Leisure Centre) 7.30pm  
PARRAMATTA SPARTANS v WHITE EAGLES (Fairfield Leisure Centre) 9pm  
**CANDARRA CITY ROCKETS** v Brisbane Bombers (Belconnen Community Centre) 7.30pm  
**MELBOURNE BUFFALOS** v Sydney Tornadoes (Ascot Vale Leisure Centre) 8pm  
**SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER**  
BELCONNEN UNITED v Brisbane Bombers Hawker College (2pm)  
Games played at first named club home court.

## HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER CAN WIN THE PLAY-OFFS

By LAURIE SCHWAB of The Age



sweeper John Dowie, the team has players whose composure can win time in which the others can have a breather.

Dennis Morovic appears to have shot his way back into the team with the two goals he scored against St Albans.

Lettieri, who was replaced during the match, is the balding former Brazilian First Division player whose skill and guile make up for his advanced years and shortage of pace.

Central striker Lee Howell is quick, strong and turns well but the mid-field trio of John Burgess, Andy Chapman and Catalano is no better than average. Alexander's Mike Valentine, Claude Lucchesi and John Kanesoulis have more skill and experience than the Queenslanders' midfield trio but it will be difficult for them to dominate in the away leg, played at City's Spencer Park.

The second leg, at the Olympic Village — on October 23, certainly will be easier for Alexander, Lucchesi, ex-Juventus, Makedonia and Green Gully, has a good goal-scoring record, with a total of 42 in NSL and National Cup games Valentine has 19.

Due to heavy bookings for Expo, Heidelberg has so far been unable to find overnight accommodation in Brisbane, so the team may have to travel there and back on the same day. Tansey does not see it as an insurmountable problem. "We used to do it regularly when I was playing in the NSL," he said.

Alexander's players are unaccustomed, at this time of the year, to the heat and humidity they will experience in Brisbane (it was almost 30 degrees there last Sunday) but in Lucchesi, Valentine, and

Morovic does not have the aerial ability one would associate with a man of his height but he has skill and a nose for goal. Despite a temporary lapse in form, he remains Alexander's top scorer and the two goals against Dinamo, his former club,



● Phil Stubbins "has ability in the air"

Dinamo in the State League Cup last Sunday. "The goals will boost his confidence. He had the flu the whole week leading up to the match but now the competition for places on the forward line is fiercer than ever," Tansey said.

Although the goals have been eluding him recently, Phil Stubbins definitely will get one of the attacking positions because of his ability in the air. Presuming Morovic also plays, the remaining forward post will go to either Lou Theodosopoulos, Con Pappas or Willie Raynes, although Pappas is more a midfielder.

Andy O'Dell would have to displace either Valentine, Kanesoulis or Lucchesi to get a game in midfield, but the defensive players pick themselves, with Banovic in goal, Dowie as sweeper, Arthur Patiniotis at right, Nick Ousalkas in the middle and Peter Bordignon on the left.

You know Dowie — he's been around for quite a while, with Juventus and Devon. The other defenders are not as well known outside their own club but they have a lot of talent.

Patiniotis, a man of vision, skill and composure and also a good marker, joined Alexander from Northcote, Bordignon,

one of the fastest full-backs in the league, came from Fawkner and Ousalkas was voted best player in the National Youth League Southern Division in 1986, the year Paul Trimboli won the Northern Division award.

Tansey sees Ousalkas as a future Australian international providing he shows the necessary application.

If the Alexander committee intends to offer the players a bonus for winning the play-off, Tansey is unaware of it. Neither is he committing himself about his future.

Club president Lew Yoannidis says he is keen for Tansey to coach the side next year but Tansey says no-one has yet asked him directly. "I also want to continue playing. I've only got a few years left, and I really enjoy it," he said.

As well as winning the State League championship as a coach, Tansey won the Second Division



● Claude Lucchesi "has a good goal-scoring record"

title as a player with Sandringham City.

About Alexander's prospects in the play-off, he says, quite simply: "How badly do the players want it? That's what it's all about."



● Arthur Patiniotis "a man of vision, skill and composure"

**TWO Victorians are in the Australian team that will contest the World Indoor Soccer Championships from October 20 to 30 — Robbie Noggler and goalkeeper Lucky Intersusi.**

The president of the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation, Joe Brent, says of Noggler: "In all my years in the game, I have seen few who are better. He has everything — speed, skill and timing."

Noggler, formerly with the Geelong Cats, now commutes from Geelong to Sydney to play for Spartans in the National Indoor Soccer League.

Intersusi, another former Geelong Cats player, is now with the Melbourne Buffaloes, who play their home matches at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre. They are at home this Saturday at 8pm against the Tornadoes of Sydney.

The world champion-

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# PACIFIC TIMBER STATE



● Dennis Morovic of Heidelberg is tackled by Saints' Eddie Hrbolic.



● Saints' Alan Susnjara is tackled by Mick Valentine.



● It's Croydon City's Cup.



● 'Berger captain Mick Valentine gets the better of St. Albans' Branko Culina.



● Croydon's Jimmy Campbell won this tackle.

# LEAGUE CUP ACTION



● Croydon's Nick van Egmond is tackled by Gully's Robert Napoli.



● Gully's Steve Douglas flies for a header.

PICTURES BY  
LES SHORROCK



● Croydon's Goran Runje strides away from Gully's Robert Napoli.



● It's all too much for Graham French, as Mark Wilson brings him down.



● Gordon Flavell of Croydon hooks the ball away from Gully's Farquharson.





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## PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE CUP DETAILS

### Semi-Finals

**CROYDON CITY 0 ST ALBANS 0** (Croydon City won 7-6 on penalties).

At Ross Reserve, Wednesday Sept. 28. Referee J. Santa Isabel.  
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Brown, McIntosh, Dobson, Brack — Van Egmond, Flavell, R. Runje, Campbell — French (O'Shea 60th), G. Runje. Coach Miron Bleiberg.  
ST ALBANS: Grgic — Cuze, Colina, Gagula, Dragovic — Macasevic, Culina, Popovski, Susnjara — Kelic, Rastocic. Coach Tony Vrzina.

**HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 GREEN GULLY 2** (Quigley 66th, Farquharson 69th)

At Ross Reserve, Wednesday Sept. 28. Referee B. Grant.  
HEIDELBERG UNITED: Chatzistrifonos — Patiniotis Bordignon — Kanesoulis, O'Dell, Johanson (inj), Theodosopoulos 10th), Raynes — Pappas, Stubbins. Coach Jim Tansey.  
GREEN GULLY: Sant — Napoli, Cannell, Cutler, Grimaud — Wilson, Quigley, Smart, Farquharson — O'Donnell, Douglas. Coach Willie Vassallo.

### The Finals

**HEIDELBERG 2 (Morovic 72nd, 87th)**  
**ST. ALBANS 1 (Maretic 85th)**

At Olympic Village, double-header, Sunday. Referee J. Rutter.  
HEIDELBERG: Chatzistrifonos — Iliopoulos, Dowie, Ousalkas (Patiniotis HT), Bordignon — Valentine, Lucchesi, Pappas, Raynes — Stubbins, Morovic. Coach Jim Tansey.  
ST ALBANS: Grgic (Rados 80th) — Macasevic, Colina, Gagula, Dragovic (Maretic HT) — Susnjara, Popovski, Culina, Hrblolic — Kelic, Rastocic. Coach Tony Vrzina.

**CROYDON CITY 1 (Brack 35th) GREEN GULLY 0**

At Olympic Village, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas.  
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Brown, McIntosh, Dobson, Brack — Campbell, Flavell, R. Runje, Van Egmond — G. Runje, French. Coach Miron Bleiberg.  
GREEN GULLY: Sant — Napoli, Cutler, Cannell, Grimaud — Wilson, Farquharson, Romanovski (Milenkovic 60th), Smart — Douglas, O'Donnell. Coach Willie Vassallo.



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## ALL THE STATE LEAGUE GOALS, AND WHO SCORED THEM

### BOX HILL 35

Brimmer 9  
Campbell 5 (2 pens)  
Burton 4  
Thomas 4  
McBride 3 (1 pen)  
Aretis 2  
McArthur 2  
Roodhouse 2  
Davidson 1  
McAlear 1  
Mazzagetti 1  
o.g. 1

### BULLEEN 31

Bozicas 7  
Lujic 7  
Angele 4  
Avian 4  
Troglitic 3  
Boarotto 1  
Curcio 1  
Curilli 1  
Krajacic 1  
Ruccia 1  
o.g. 1

### CAULFIELD CITY 43

Goutzioulis 10  
Deligiannis 7  
Cozzella 6  
Harris (6 pens)  
Zemunik 6  
Alagiozidis 4  
Bitsonis 2  
o.g. 2

### CROYDON CITY 33

French 9 (1 pen)  
G. Runje 6  
Humble 5  
Van Egmond 5  
Campbell 3  
Dobson 3  
Langsbury 1  
Middlemast 1

### FAWKNER 28

Brown 8  
Hanna 5  
Hennessy 4\*  
Fraser 3  
Verachia 3

### GREEN GULLY 37

O'Donnell 9  
Quigley 9  
Douglas 5  
McClelland 3  
Wilson 2  
Christie 1  
Farquharson 1  
Grimaud 1  
Kremers 1  
Menyhart 1  
Romanovski 1  
Smart 1  
o.g. 2

### HEIDELBERG UNITED 51

Morovic 11  
Pappas 8  
Anastasiadis 7  
Raynes 5 (2 pens)  
Stubbins 5  
Theodosopoulos 4  
Lucchesi 3  
Ousalkas 3  
Valentine 2  
Bordignon 1  
o.g. 2

### MARIBYRNONG 41

Warszawski 11  
de Bono 5  
Bonk 5  
Baran 4 (1 pen)  
Przybyla 4  
Watson 3  
Czapnik 2  
Lakic 2  
Liparski 2  
Chetcuti 1  
Temos 1  
o.g. 1

### MORWELL FALCONS 26

Nelson 1  
Sokoluk 8  
Drakeford 4  
Cassar 3

### ST ALBANS 37

Kelic 17  
Duzel 7  
Popovski 6  
Kupresak 4  
Culina 1  
Rastocic 1  
Susnjara 1

### NORTHCOTE CITY 37

Woodall 11 (4 pens)  
Gilder 4  
Ramos 4  
P. Constantinou 3  
Tsangos 3  
Bekianis 2  
N. Constantinou 2  
Manou 2  
Thodis 2  
J. Constantinou 1  
Gymnopoulos 1  
Kouremenos 1  
Thodis 1

### OAKLEIGH 22

Livingstone 4 (1 pen)  
Murphy 4  
Halford 2  
Henderson 2  
Nicolaidis 2  
Zagoudis 2  
Fotis 1  
Gavardinas 1  
Polites 1  
Ward 1  
o.g. 2

### RINGWOOD CITY 49

Nijholt 14 (1 pen)  
Cocker 9  
Corvan 7  
Cumming 3  
Davie 3  
Maguire 3 (1 pen)  
May 3  
Kennedy 1  
Lepre 1  
Middlemast 1  
Nolan 1  
Thomson 1  
Whitehouse 1

### SPRINGVALE CITY 30

Keenan 5  
Morrey 5 (1 pen)  
Findlay 4  
Bozic 3  
Bryden 3 (3 pens)  
Verachia 3  
Bell 1  
Boland 1  
Bothwell 1  
Reilly 1  
Richardson 1

### THOMASTOWN 30

Carfora 9  
McGuinness 8 (2 pens)  
Lewis 7  
Athersych 6  
Cristaldo 2  
Dougherty 2  
Di Martino 1  
McMillan 1  
Raguso 1  
Rogers 1

### WESTERN SUBURBS 32

Tuck 13  
Kopsakis 6  
Daley 3  
Dimovski 2  
Esposito 2 (1 pen)  
Roumpas 2  
Kountouris 1  
Metaxas 1  
Vo 1  
Williams 1

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## Harry Armstrong Reserves Cup Results

### SECOND MAIN ROUND

Frankston Pines 0 Hawthorn 2  
Clifton Hill 3 Langwarrin 5  
Layton United 3 Nunawading City 1  
Ringwood City 2 Mooroolbark 3  
Western Suburbs 2 Werribee 3  
Box Hill 2 Green Gully 1  
Waverley City 2 Port Melbourne 0  
Heidelberg City 0 Dandenong 2  
Karingal United 4 Thomastown 3  
St. Albans 4 Pascoe Vale 0  
Croydon City 6 Mordialloc 0  
Fawkner v Northcote City Walkover  
Essendon City 3 Heidelberg United 2  
Springvale United v Rosanna Walkover  
Corio/Geelong 1 Bulleen 2  
Yarraville 3 Sunbury United 2

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## THE UPS AND DOWNS OF '88

Here is a guide to the probable fate of the clubs affiliated to the VSF after the 1988 season. It must be stressed that this is NOT the official version, rather it is our idea of the promotion and relegation scene, based on the assumption that Heidelberg will win its play-off series with Brisbane City. If, horror of horrors, Heidelberg should lose and stay in the State League, then Morwell Falcons will be relegated and right down through all the divisions, one more club will be relegated.

**GREEN GULLY 2**  
(Quigley 66th,  
Farquharson 69th),  
**HEIDELBERG**  
**UNITED 0.**

Two glorious goals in the space of three minutes by Green Gully ended Heidelberg United's hope of reaching the State League Cup Final, in the later game of a double header at Ross Reserve last Wednesday.

Although missing regulars Yakka Banovic, Mike Valentine, Claude Lucchesi and Dennis Morovic, Heidelberg created the clearer chances and could have led if they were more accurate in front of goal.

However, a piece of Green Gully magic sent a few 'Berger supporters home early on this cold, wet and windy night.

The first goal was scored by Colin Quigley in the 21st minute of the second-half.

A beautifully taken free-kick from just outside the eighteen yard box curled around the defensive wall, off the underside of the crossbar and into the net passed a hapless Heidelberg keeper, Michael Chatzistrifonos.

Whilst Heidelberg were coming to grips with the setback, Green Gully struck again in the 24 minute of the half. A dangerous cross by Stephen Douglas from the left wing was wonderfully executed with a diving header by Robert Farquharson.

For the remaining twenty minutes of the game Green Gully played it safe and sensible, holding on to win 2-0, as well as earning a place in the League Cup Final against Croydon City.

— Costa Koutropoulos

**ST ALBANS 0**  
**CROYDON CITY 0**  
(Croydon won 7-6 on penalties)

Croydon dominated this clash and should have disposed of St Albans with the many chances they created within the normal ninety minute period. Instead with the score 0-0 at full-time, extra-time was played in an effort to break the deadlock.

But with no luck there either a penalty shoot-out was needed to determine a winner.

Croydon converted their first five penalties through Gordon Flavell, Robert Runje, Jim Campbell, Nick Van Egmond and Graham French.

St Albans refused to give in and replied through Ivan Kelic, Zeljko Gagula, M. Colina, Bill Popovski and Sveto Rastocic.

At this stage both teams could not be separated at 5-5, so it was now a case of sudden-death. Up stepped Croydon's Dave McIntosh to give his side the lead 6-5, however that was shortly cancelled after A. Sasnjara also scored. Ten it was Goran Runje's turn to reinstate Croydon's lead once again, which happened to remain after young Mario Macasevic had his effort saved by 'keeper Mirko Runje, giving Croydon victory. Man of the match: Nick Van Egmond.

— Costa Koutropoulos

## MATCH DETAILS

### The Ups and Downs of Victorian Soccer

#### STATE LEAGUE

Promoted: Heidelberg United  
Relegated: Springvale City  
Manlymang  
Box Hill  
Fawkner  
Western Suburbs  
Oakleigh  
VICTORIAN LEAGUE  
Division One  
Promoted: Frankston Pines  
Altona Gate  
Relegated: Westgate  
Nunawading  
Albion  
Mordialloc  
Essendon City  
Dandenong  
Richmond  
Sunbury  
Division Two  
Promoted: Sandringham  
Doveton  
Relegated: Clifton Hill  
Waverley City  
Heidelberg City  
Doncaster Rovers  
Yarraville  
Ringwood United  
Prahr/Brighton  
Port Melbourne  
Altona City  
Eltham  
division Three  
Promoted: Geelong  
Coburg

#### Relegated:

Lalor United  
Bell Park  
Clarinda  
Springvale United  
Moorabbin  
Hawthorn  
Seaford  
Yallourn  
Corio/Geelong  
Mornington  
Hamlyn Rangers  
Moreland Park

#### Promoted:

Holland Park  
Chelsea  
Relegated: Bentleigh Greens  
E. Bruns/Ivanhoe  
Boronia  
Pascoe Vale  
Williamstown  
Fernree Gully  
Karingal  
Keysborough

#### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Division One  
Promoted: Clayton  
Brunswick City  
Relegated: N. Sunshine  
Prahran  
Ballarat

#### Division Two

Promoted: Springvale  
Concorde  
Ascot Vale City  
Relegated: Waverley United  
Lalor  
Monash Uni.  
Dingley United  
Cranbourne  
Monbulk  
Batman United

#### Division Three

Promoted: Sth. Dandenong  
Sth. Springvale  
Relegated: Uni. of Melbourne  
St. Kilda  
Port United  
Ringwood Rovers  
Parkmore  
Carrum United  
Meadow Park  
Kensington United  
Wantima

#### Division Four

Promoted: Fitzroy City  
Brandon Park  
Relegated: Kew Eagles  
Lyndale United  
Mitcham United  
Debney Park  
Altona United  
Northern United

#### AMATEUR LEAGUE

Division One  
Promoted: Balwyn City  
Collingwood City  
Relegated: Diggers Rest  
Waverley Wands  
Latrobe Uni.  
Keilor United  
Endeavour Hills  
Melbourne Uni.

#### Division Two

Promoted: East Richmond  
Oakleigh United  
Relegated: Diamond Valley  
Intercity  
Furlan United  
Concorde

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# INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

## THE MANSFIELD BUNNEY CUPS WINDSOR'S WINNING WAYS

**WINDSOR made the most of its first appearance in the Mansfield Bunney League Cup Final by overcoming a fiercely determined Fibremakers United 1-0.**

In the view of most pundits, Windsor entered this match as clear-cut favorites, but if all the experts believed this, the Fibremakers Warriors certainly did not, taking the game right up to Windsor particularly in a first half played at break-neck pace.

It is doubtful if Windsor has ever been closed down so quickly, or tackled as fiercely as they were in this period. But it could well have been the pace and over-enthusiastic

lost consistently in the midfield, and its finishing lacked conviction.

For Windsor, on the other hand, Mamouzis, Sidiropoulos and Katsirigoglou dominated the midfield, pushing ball after ball into the Fibremakers Area. Despite all the endeavour of both sides, however, and a couple of frights at either end, the first half ended in a stalemate.

During the second half, Windsor attacked with the aid of a strong tail-wind which had steadily built up its strength during the course of the game. Apart from a few brief sorties



forward, Fibremakers now found itself locked into almost permanent defence.

Windsor should have

gone ahead in the 52nd minute when an Antonopoulos cross was handed in the area by a Fibremakers defender. Old Bionic Boot himself, Chris Katsirigoglou, strode up confidently to take the spot kick. He hammered the ball high, but straight down the centre, and Joe Laczkowski, who had not moved, flung up his hands in an amazing reflex save palmed the ball over the bar.

Chris Stefanopoulos came on as a sub. 5 minutes later and was

● **Peter Bunney** presents the cup to Sam Ioannidis captain of Windsor.

● **Windsor Mansfield Bunney Cup winner.**  
immediately into action. He was rewarded at the 64th minute when Sam Ioannidis cut in from the right flank and laid the ball off neatly to Stefanopoulos at the left edge of the Area. With the goalkeeper scrambling back from an anticipated right side attack, Stefanopoulos had no trouble putting Windsor into the lead.

From then on it was pretty much one-way traffic, with Windsor constantly bringing the ball forward, but in a rather inept display from its strikers blasting the ball high, wide but not particularly handsome.

Windsor's Cup win sits handsomely alongside its Division 1A Championship, and rounds out a most successful year for this young Club.

For Fibremakers, the



● **Doxa captain George Magry holds up the cup.**

through a mass of defenders.

The second half saw a general switch in the fortunes of the two sides, with Glenroy Doxa spending more and more of its time in the Apollo half. But it was all to no avail, and the half finished, as it had opened, at one

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## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS ... A GREAT DAY FOR PUSKAS IT WAS J.U.S.T. ENOUGH

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### ALL THE DETAILS

**MANSFIELD BUNNEY LEAGUE CUP FINAL**  
Windsor 1 Fibremakers United 0  
**MANSFIELD BUNNEY INVITATION CUP FINAL**  
Glenroy Doxa United 2 Apollo United 1 (Full-time score 1-1) a.e.t.  
**PATRICK ALL STARS CHALLENGE**  
Puskas XI 1 J.U.S.T. Old Boys 1  
**DIVISION 1 REPLAY**  
Footscray United 2 Hampton Park United 3

#### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Mid P	18	12	4	2	41	11	28
Hamp	18	10	4	4	42	28	24
Alt	18	9	4	5	39	25	22
St Alb	18	8	5	5	33	23	21
High	18	7	4	7	26	33	18
Appol	18	6	3	9	23	37	15
F Cry	18	5	4	9	26	36	14
ANZ	18	6	2	10	21	33	14
Groy	18	5	3	10	34	37	13
Aus	18	5	1	12	23	45	11

#### DIVISION TWO Afternoon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Wind	18	15	0	3	73	26	30
Row	18	11	3	4	53	30	25
Thom	18	10	4	4	51	25	24
Dand	18	10	2	6	52	32	22
Fiam	18	10	2	6	52	32	22
N Dand	18	9	4	6	41	40	20
Pton	18	7	4	7	44	36	18
Bwick	18	4	1	13	35	65	9
CSUV	18	3	13	11	62	7	7
Dand	18	1	1	16	22	86	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
R'vill	18	14	3	1	79	17	31
Fiam	18	14	2	2	97	24	30
N Dand	18	14	1	3	58	27	29
Wind	18	9	4	6	54	48	20
Dand	18	8	2	8	43	40	18
Pton	17	6	2	9	32	50	14
Thom	18	6	0	12	29	43	12
CSUV	18	3	11	20	60	10	10
Dand	17	3	3	11	31	74	9
Bwick	18	2	1	15	27	87	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Mid P	18	14	2	2	56	12	30
Hamp	18	13	2	3	48	14	28
H'Pt	18	11	2	5	44	19	24
F Cry	18	8	5	5	30	29	21
Groy	18	9	2	7	41	40	20
St Alb	18	6	4	8	30	29	16
ANZ	18	4	6	8	21	37	14
Alt	18	3	4	11	22	45	10
Aus	18	4	2	12	20	50	10
Appol	18	2	3	13	19	56	7

#### DIVISION TWO Morning

S'vale Eagles 5	(0)
Fibremakers 3	(0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Fib	18	13	3	2	64	26	29
M'ros	18	12	4	2	54	27	28
Yth U	18	10	3	5	64	39	23
Coom	18	11	1	6	46	27	23
N'cote	18	8	3	7	44	38	19
S'val	18	7	4	7	45	44	18
Swin	18	5	4	9	47	41	14
King	18	5	1	12	30	45	11
W'Fray	18	4	3	11	28	55	11
St Bern	18	1	2	15	14	93	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Fib	18	14	2	2	35	16	30
S'val	18	12	4	2	48	16	28
Swin	18	10	5	3	43	15	25
Coom	18	9	1	8	37	31	19
W'Fray	18	8	3	7	24	32	19
Yth U	18	7	2	9	32	40	16
King	18	6	3	9	33	52	15
N'cote	18	5	3	10	34	47	13
M'rose	18	5	1	12	36	37	11
St Bern	18	2	0	16	16	52	4

#### DIVISION THREE West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Tott	18	15	2	1	59	14	32
Alt	18	13	2	3	58	22	28
St Alb	18	11	4	3	35	15	26
Keil	18	10	3	5	28	25	23
Nth Alt	18	8	3	7	19	15	19
N'X-St	18	7	2	9	49	47	16
Whit	18	5	4	9	26	41	14
Nip	18	3	3	12	24	52	9
Cres	18	3	1	14	25	60	7
Sunb	18	3	0	15	13	45	6

#### DIVISION FOUR

RAAF College 6 Embassy Tax							
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Werstall PIPA 1 Fiem Florida							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	M
Fiem	20	17	2	1	54	10	36
RAAF	20	12	2	6	60	25	28
Sales	20	8	6	6	34	33	22
Pton	20	8	0	12	23	54	16
Emb	20	4	2	14	51	87	10
Wall	20	4	2	14	17	49	10



**In the Patrick All Stars Challenge, the Puskas XI inspired by a**

**vintage cameo appearance from the Master himself fought back from**

● **J.U.S.T. Old Boys.**

**early adversity to draw its match against the J.U.S.T. Old Boys.**

The Old Boys opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Steve Bleskany capped off a solo left wing run by rounding

keeper Nick Van Egmond and pushing the ball into the net from a seemingly impossible angle.

It might easily have been the other way around two or three times, but for excellent defensive work by Billy Rice and Jovan Milinovic.

The Puskas Machine moved into top gear in the second half, getting its revenge in the 20th minute when Jimmy Mackay rolled the ball neatly to Bill Rowley on the edge of the J.U.S.T. 6-yard box. Billy-boy never misses many of those. It's easier than eating haggis!



● **Jimmy Armstrong (left) captain of the Puskas team and Frank Micic, captain of the Just Old Boys.**

● **From Page 10**

time after time.

Unfortunately for Apollo, its forwards failed to match the ability of its midfielders. In the second period, Doxa again put on the pressure and, as a result, the Apollo team-work gradually fell apart.

The deciding goal came at the 23rd minute of extra

time, when George Pampanella crossed nearly to Joe Gambin on the edge of the Area, who said thank you very much as he helped himself to the easiest of goals.

In losing, Apollo was far from disgraced, and there is no reason why it cannot turn the tables in the 1989 Final.

**The following is the Draw for the 2ND Main Round of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup to be played on Sunday October 9th 1988. Kick off 3.00 pm.**

Mooroolbark v Yarraville  
Croydon City v Karingal United  
Bulleen v Essendon City  
Dandenong v Box Hill  
St Albans v Lalor United  
Werribee v Fawkner  
Hawthorn v Langwarrin  
Waverley City v Springvale United

## Doxa makes it six out of seven

**In the Mansfield Bunney Invitation Cup Final, Glenroy Doxa United proved once again that it is the Reserves Cup specialist, having won consecutively from 1982 to 1986.**

In 1987, it was beaten by the narrowest of margins in the Semi-Final of the Invitation Cup, but its Firsts went on to fight out the League Cup Final.

This year marked Doxa's sixth successful appearance in the Invitation Cup Final in seven years, when it outlasted Apollo United to win 2-1 in extra time.

Doxa went straight into attack from the opening kick-off, with George Pampanella thundering goalwards, and forcing a corner from a desperately lunging Angelo Didilis in the first minute of play. But it was Apollo which drew the first blood.

A tenth minute build-up combined with some Glenroy Doxa slack



● **Glenroy Doxa United winner of the Mansfield Bunney invitation cup.**

defensive play allowed Stan Longinidis through with only the goalkeeper to beat. With the most delicate, almost contemptuous, of chips, Stan-the-Man, looped the

ball over the approaching Steve Borg.

Apollo maintained its ascendancy for another half-hour, and had chances to go further ahead. Had its forwards

been else prone to be caught off-side, it must certainly have increased its margin.

In the dying minutes of the half, Doxa struck back, bringing the ball forward in

a sustained and disciplined build-up.

With the ball bobbing about in the Apollo Area, Joe Gambin proved that his was the fastest boot in the West, nudging the ball

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# REFLECTIONS OF '88

By GEORGE YELLAND

**MUCH has been said, and written, about the extraordinary soccer season of 1988 and without going into the rights and wrongs of it all, I want to set down a few of my impressions of the State League.**

My editor asked me to gather the statistics, week by week, of the State League. On the face of it, a relatively simple task; in reality a man-sized job. This was my only contribution to Soccer Star.

Anonymous callers and other assorted clowns have accused me of writing under an assumed name, of being responsible for an assortment of nefarious comments. To all that, with my hand on my heart, I can plead **NOT GUILTY**.

I have not written a single article this season until this one, and if I do write anything next season, it, like this contribution will be under my own name.

The pattern of 1988 was set by the enormous number of teams to be relegated.

In consequence, we frequently found teams playing to avoid losing, instead of going out to win. **THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN ENORMOUS**

The pressure on club administrators and more particularly, on club coaches has been enormous.

As I have gone around from ground to ground, talking to coaches, players and referees I have gained a clear picture of the dedication and love of soccer that they all possess in varying degrees.

Terry Hennessy, who helped considerably to revitalise Heidelberg United until his unfortunate illness created complications, is a perfect example of the dedicated professional coach.

His successor at Heidelberg, Jim Tansey once a great player and always a terrific bloke, has yet to prove himself, but his results of late have been encouraging.

Jimmy Rooney, the quiet professional who knows more about soccer than most, did a great job at Bulleen teaching his players to believe in themselves and was doing a great job, as the players themselves would testify, until the committee panicked and sacked him.

Jim Condlis, steeped in soccer and one of the nicest fellows in the Victorian game, felt he had to move on from his beloved Western Suburbs and ended up doing a great job at Caulfield City.

These coaches suffered because they came up against committeemen who wanted to push favoured players, often relatives, and they disagreed at their peril.

In another context, coaches like Tony Vrzina of St Albans, John Brown of Box Hill and Jim McIntyre of Maribyrnong did wonders with limited resources of manpower.



● Zravko Lujic "another outstanding player who has given me much pleasure"

**BOX HILL A SAD LOSS**  
It is saddening to see a club with the facilities Box Hill has, being relegated to the First Division, and it will be an even sadder state of affairs if Morwell Falcons, the standard bearer in the Latrobe Valley also has to go down.

Falcons have facilities that not only are the best in the League, but in fact are better than a lot of NSL clubs can offer. In Don Di Fabrizio they have an outstanding president and it is his shrewd business sense that has made Morwell Falcons the outstanding sports club that it is.

Its departure would be a sad loss to the League, but like a condemned man on Death Row, it has to await the outcome of the Heidelberg v. Brisbane Lions NSL playoffs to learn its fate.

All this, despite having had a season under Bobby McLachlan that would have been regarded as satisfactory in any other year.

Bill Murray and Miron Bleiberg, two very experienced and capable coaches had highly successful seasons at Thomastown and Croydon City respectively.

Bleiberg crowned his season by carrying off the State League Cup on Sunday, but has already indicated that he will be seeking a NSL club to coach next year.

Another quiet, but intensely keen coach is Kaz Kulak, who replaced Jim Condlis at Western Suburbs. He did a fine job be

Petersen's attacking zeal, Ringwood finished second only to Heidelberg in goalscoring... 48 goals against the Bergers' 49.

Then there is the strange case of Northcote City.

The club that narrowly avoided relegation at the end of '87 started off at a cracking pace and led for nine rounds before being overtaken by Heidelberg.

It seemed at one time that these two had the title race to themselves, but then the inevitable death wish syndrome set in.

It was Roy MacLaren who moulded the successful team, but when



● Frank McAleer. Sacked by Fawcner after only two rounds, then brought back when it was too late.

disappointing eighth.

But at least one relegated club will be sticking with its coach, and that club is Springvale City.

Gus MacLeod did a tremendous job with an inexperienced squad and has brought on a lot of youngsters who will stand the club in good stead in the future.

MacLeod says he has a happy relationship with the club and he will be staying, spurning offers from clubs at higher levels.

**FAWKNER COMMITTEE PANICKED**  
Fawcner was unique.

Its committee panicked and sacked coach Frank McAleer after only two rounds of the competition, then brought him back



● Velimir Kupresak outstanding skills.

arrived too late to save Wests, but nevertheless, after his arrival there, his team caused quite a few upsets.

Possibly the most under-rated coach was Green Gully's Willie Vassallo, who did well to steer his club into the top four and the final of the State League Cup.

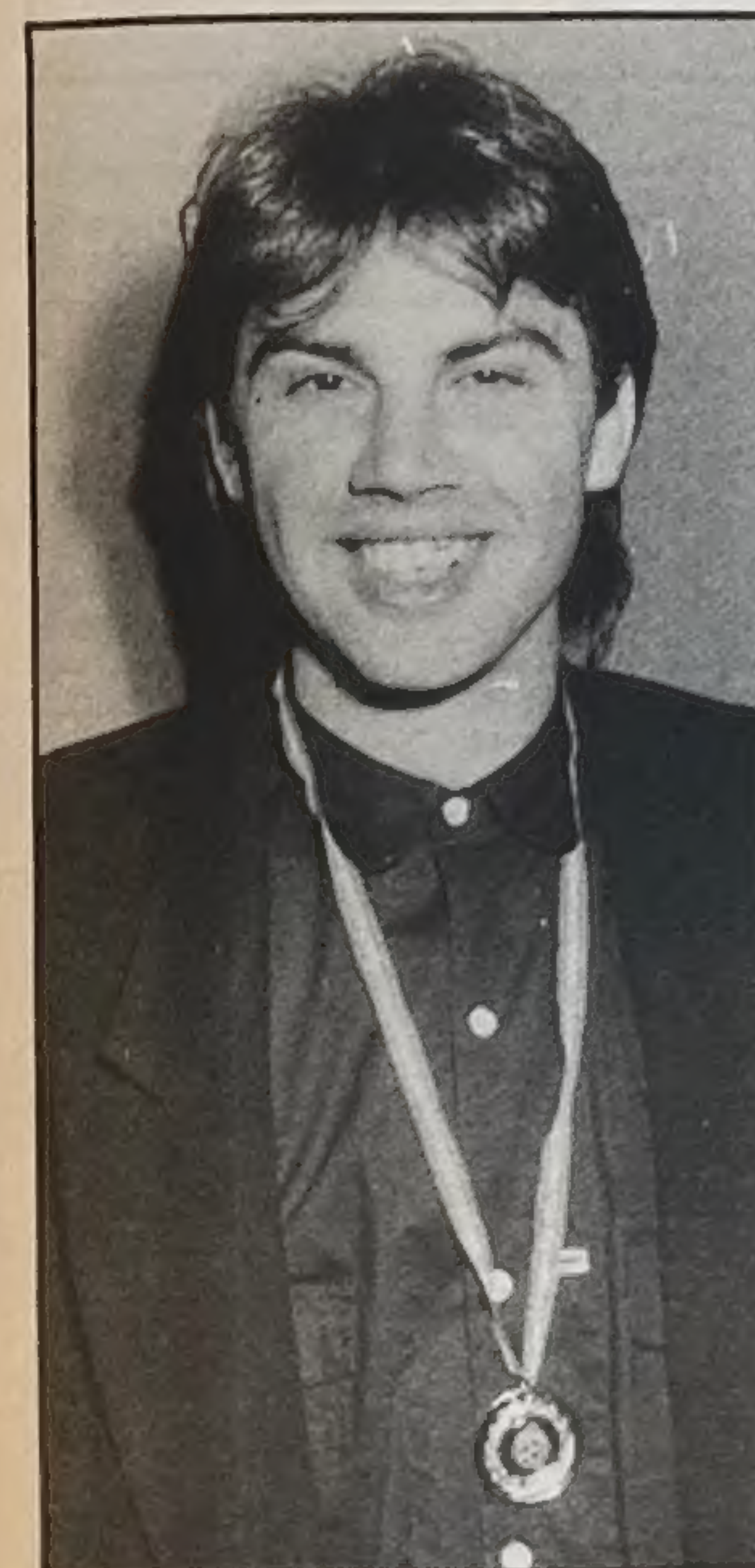
**HANS PETERSEN WORKED MIRACLES**

Ringwood City's Hans Petersen, aided by a number of temporary visa imports changed the team's style so radically that it advanced from the bottom of the table at round eleven to seventh by the end of the season.

One of his players, Peter Cocker, rivalled Marconi's Frank Farina and Wollongong's Marshall Soper by scoring four goals against Caulfield City and thanks to

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# CONGRATULATIONS IVAN DUZEL 1988 BILL FLEMING MEDALIST



● Ivan Duzel — Fleming Medal winner.



● Alan Roodhouse of Box Hill — winner of the "Soccer Star" Ansett Award — for best State league player 1988.

## THE BILL FLEMING VOTES

Ivan Duzel	— 2163564	= 27
P. Harris	— 433251	= 18
A. Roodhouse	— 546	= 15
D. Tuck	— 6611	= 14
M. Woodall	— 354	= 12
Z. Lujic	— 4222	= 10
S. Keenan	— 46	= 10
A. Patinotis	— 6	= 6
A. Alaglozidis	— 6	= 6
R. Walsh	— 33	= 6
P. Ramos	— 5	= 5
P. Cocker	— 5	= 5
N. Van Egmond	— 5	= 5
C. Lucchessi	— 5	= 5
S. Douglas	— 4	= 4
C. Quigley	— 4	= 4
J. Constantinou	— 3	= 3
R. Krajacic	— 3	= 3
A. Daly	— 2	= 2
S. Webster	— 2	= 2
W. Raynes	— 2	= 2
M. Runje	— 1	= 1
V. Cristaldo	— 1	= 1
C. Halford	— 1	= 1
J. Nijholt	— 1	= 1

Journalists Panel 8x21 Votes = 168 Total = 168

## OTHER AWARDS

● **ALAN ROODHOUSE**  
**BOX HILL**  
**THE ANSETT AWARD**  
● **IVAN KELIC**  
**ST. ALBANS**  
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**TOP GOALSCORER AWARD**

(1) **Victorian Under 21 Player of the Year**

Winner..... John Markovski

(2) **Victorian Referee of the Year**

Winner..... Chris Bambridge

(3) **Victorian Coach of the Year**

Winner..... Brian Garvey

(4) **Victorian NSL Player of the Year**

Paul Wade

(5) **Soccer Star — Ansett Award**

Alan Roodhouse

(6) **Soccer Star Adidas Award**

Ivan Kelic

(7) **Victorian State League Team of the Year**

(8) **Victorian NSL Team of the Year**



● Ivan Duzel



● Ivan Kelic — State League top goalscorer winner of our Adidas Award.

## VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR

<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Mirko Runje	Croydon City
<b>Defenders</b>	David McIntosh	Croydon City
	Paul Harris	Caulfield City
	Alan Roodhouse	Box Hill
	Ivan Duzel	Croydon City
<b>Midfield</b>	Ivan Duzel	St Albans
	Darren Tuck	Western Suburbs
	Martin Woodall	Northcote
	Mike Valentine	Heidelberg
<b>Forwards</b>	Zdravko Lujic	Bulleen
	Ivan Kelic	St Albans



● Terry Hennessy "perfect example of the dedicated professional coach"

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● Matthew, a happy winner in last week's school holiday program.

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